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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, *exempt b* who contacted my office regarding the spreading of biosolids on game lands located in Bell Township, PA. *exempt b* details her concerns in the attached correspondence.

I respectfully ask that you review the attached correspondence and provide my office with any information that you might have regarding this matter. Additionally, please provide my office with any recourse available to *exempt b* so that her situation can be remedied. Please direct your response to my Staff Assistant, Steve Meredith. Steve can be reached via e-mail at Steve\_Meredith@toomey.senate.gov, by fax at 412-803-3504, by phone at 412-803-3501, or through the mailing address 100 West Station Square Drive, Suite 225, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey  
U.S. Senator

February 19, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

As a concerned and very upset citizen, I am contacting you about the spreading of biosolids aka sewage sludge on the Game Lands #087 located in Bell Township, Clearfield County. The biosolids are NOT safe and no one will ever convince us otherwise. We would like to see this spreading stopped in our area and across the state as well as the nation. There is nothing good or safe about this!

Several of us began doing research in late summer 2013 and it is appalling the information and the research that is linked to the health and welfare of those who are affected by this practice. Citizens in our area have experienced firsthand health issues. What we cannot understand is the fact that our federal and state government will not listen to the information being provided by independent scientific research. There is actually a gentleman who worked for the EPA that basically lost his job because he did not agree to this being safe.

We have had several conversations with the DEP and that is not getting us anywhere. In fact, there were several possible violations that were reported to the DEP office. The very next day, the sites were covered over!! None the less, we were smart enough to take many, many pictures before this all happened. But my question is, how do we get this stopped? Who is willing to step up and protect us? When is dumping this toxic waste on citizens going to end?

The company, We Care Organics, is scheduled to return in the spring to start spreading again. There is a 5 year contract in place. We DON'T want them returning!! We do NOT want this in our backyards!! We NEED your help to protecting our communities, our futures, and the future of this area. Many citizens are fearing for their health, their water, and their lives.

Our elected officials need to respond to our cries for help. This NEEDS to STOP! I challenge you to do what you have been elected and put into office to do, help and protect your citizens! If you are willing to do that, please contact me ASAP! We are holding a big town hall meeting Saturday, February 22 at the Mahaffey Fire Hall at 6 p.m. There will be great media coverage as well. This is your chance to show how much our community means.

Thank you,

*L. Kemp*

P.S. This is not just a small area that could be affected. The one site that they completed runs off into the Laurel Run Watershed which feeds Punxsutawney and the surrounding area. The other site that was completed runs off into the headwaters of the Curry Run stream. A prize stocked fishing creek. And both these sites had possible violates that were not investigated but covered over!! And we are going to allow them to come back? Completely insane!!



# Senator Pat Toomey

*United States Senate – Pennsylvania*



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**COMMENTS:**

Attached please find Senator Toomey's congressional inquiry on behalf of the above named constituent. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have, by utilizing the phone number listed above.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Steve Meredith  
Staff Assistant and Constituent Advocate  
U.S. Senator Pat Toomey